Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A thermoplastic hook strand produced by a process comprising the steps of

(a) extruding a thermoplastic resin in a machine direction through a die plate having a continuous base portion cavity and one or more ridge cavities extend ling from at least one face of the base portion cavity,

(b) forming a film from the extruded thermoplastic resin, said film having a base film portion with at least one or more hook profiled ridges,

(c) cutting the film on at least one face through the one or more ridges to form a plurality of cut ridge portions,

(d) orienting the cut film protions at least in the direction of the ridges thereby separating the cut ridge portion into discrete upstanding members,

(e) splitting the film along the direction of the one or more ridges so as to form at least one strand having discrete upstanding members along the length of the strand having a ~~extruded~~ thermoplastic base layer with at least a first face and a second face with integral ~~extrusion formed~~ hook elements formed from thermoplastic resin of the base layer on at least one face in at least one row, the hook elements having hook engaging arms extending at an angle of from 1 to 90 degrees from the longitudinal direction of the strand wherein the base layer is an oriented thermoplastic resin.

2. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the ~~hook strand is formed from a thermoplastic resin and the~~ ridges are in the shape of hook elements having hook engaging arms extend at an angle of from 30 to 90 degrees from the longitudinal direction of the strand.

3. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 2 wherein the ~~hook strand is formed from~~ thermoplastic resin is an inelastic resin.

4. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 3 wherein the ~~hook strand is formed from~~ in the form of multiple ~~layers of~~ layer thermoplastic ~~resins~~ resin flow stream.

5. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the ridges are in the shape of hook elements having hook engaging arm which extend ~~extends~~ at an angle of from ~~30~~1° to 90° from the longitudinal direction of the ~~strand~~ ridges.

6. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim ~~1~~2 wherein the ridges ~~hook engaging arms~~ extend from two or more faces of the strand ~~base layer~~.

7. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 6 wherein ~~the~~ ridges are provided that form hook engaging arms extend from three or more faces of the base layer.

8. (Currently amended) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the hook engaging arms extend from a face of the strand in a single row.

9. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the hook elements are substantially rectilinear.

10. (Original) A hook strand of claim 9 wherein the hook elements have two opposing flat faces.

11. (Original) A hook strand of claim 8 wherein there are from 10 to 50 hook elements per centimeter.

12. (Original) A hook strand of claim 8 wherein there are from 20 to 40 hook elements per centimeter.

13. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein there are at least 5 hook elements per centimeter.

14. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein there are at least 10 hook elements per centimeter.

15. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the base layer is an oriented thermoplastic resin.

16. (Original) A hook strand of claim 15 wherein the base layer is essentially flat.

17. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the base layer is nonplanar.

18. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the base layer has a thickness of from 25 to 150 μm.

19. (Original) A hook strand of claim 1 wherein the base layer has a thickness of from 25 to 100 μm.

20. – 52. (Cancelled)